

# KEY LINES

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**Next Board Meeting**  
Sept 19, 2017

## In Remembrance



If a love one or  
neighbor passes  
please let me know.

Thank you!  
Sue Kernan  
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## Monsoon Season Scam Alert

**Our summer Monsoon season brings lots of rain, wind, and SCAM ARTISTS!**

“Major storms often bring in storm-chasing scam artists who try to take advantage of homeowners coping with damage to their homes,” says Attorney General Mark Brnovich. “Arizonans need to think twice before hiring a person who shows up at their door with an offer that may be too good to be true.”

**AG Brnovich offers the following tips to avoid high-pressure sales tactics and home repair scams:**

1. Do not open your door to someone you do not know.
2. Do not be pressured or hurried into contracting the services of a door-to-door salesperson.
3. Check with the Arizona Registrar of Contractors to make sure the contractor you are considering has a license. and the history of complaints filed against them.
4. Be wary of a contractor that says you need something repaired immediately, especially if you didn't contact them about the issue.
5. Shop around. Ask for written estimates from at least three contractors.
6. Request a list of references and check them before agreeing to hire anyone.
7. Ask for a written contract itemizing all work to be done with associated costs and payment terms.
8. Never pay for the entire job before it has been completed to your satisfaction.

**Here are a few other warning signs you may hear from the contractor that indicate a likely scam:**

1. “I’m already in the neighborhood doing similar work for your neighbors.”
2. “I have leftover materials and I can cut you a break.”

I hate to be a “Doubting Thomas” but if someone comes to your door soliciting work, you should assume they are acting in their best interest, not yours.

For more consumer protection tips, visit :

[https://www.azag.gov/consumer/door-to-door.](https://www.azag.gov/consumer/door-to-door)

## Things to do around Scottsdale— Lisa LeMaster

### Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts' Live & Local Fridays

The series is being presented in both indoor venues, with larger bands performing in the Virginia G. Piper Theater at 8:00 PM and smaller ensembles in the more intimate Stage 2 at 8:30 PM. Mainstage concerts in the theater will feature Whiskey Kiss on Aug. 4, Kabarett on Aug. 11, Inspiraction Flamenca on Aug. 18, and Marmelade Skies on Aug. 25.

Stage 2 concerts will include Chuck Hall "Rewired!" on Aug. 4, Odd Man Out on Aug. 11, Jan Sandwich Presents: Remembering Debbie Reynolds on Aug. 18 and 76th Street on Aug. 25.

Stage 2 shows are general admission and offer both table and theater seating options. The Virginia G. Piper Theater has reserved seating. More information and advanced tickets are available for \$12 through [www.ScottsdalePerformingArts.org](http://www.ScottsdalePerformingArts.org) or 480-499-8587. Tickets are \$15 on the day of the event.

Admission to Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art next door to the Center is free on Fridays after 5 PM, so why not take in the museum and a concert!

### Travels-

#### Top 5 Day Trips from Scottsdale

Arizona is a large state—New England would easily fit within its borders—and its rich geological treasures are unmatched. We're the Grand Canyon State, after all. So narrowing a top 5 list of day trips is no easy feat. Fortunately, Scottsdale makes an excellent home base from which to explore some of the state's most notable natural attractions and historic sights. Within two-hour drive, you could be hiking the red rocks of Sedona, skiing in Flagstaff, exploring the ancient Native American ruins of Casa Grande or wandering the old mining town of Jerome. (The Grand Canyon is about a four-drive. The distance, its immense size and stature put it well beyond "day trip" status in my book.) Below are my personal favorites: unique Arizona spots that capture the state's rich geological, historical and cultural treasures, from Old West towns and Native American treasures to an underground Grand Canyon.



**Sedona** - Contrasting against a brilliant blue sky and evergreen pines, the red sandstone buttes of Sedona create one of the world's most stunning landscapes. These variegated monoliths, carved by wind and rain, feature rounded formations, delicate spires and craggy outcroppings that defy gravity. Travelers come for the world-class outdoor recreation opportunities—and the luxury resorts, spas and golf courses.

**Tombstone and Bisbee** - These legendary boomtowns helped define the Old West. Visit Tombstone's famous O.K. Corral, Bird Cage Saloon and graveyard, and learn why its dusty streets attracted some of the West's most legendary gunslingers, including Doc Holliday, Wyatt Earp and Billy the Kid, who died here in 1822. Then, make the 30-minute drive to the mining town of Bisbee, which is now a charming arts community

**Kartchner Caverns** - Deep under the desert floor in southeastern Arizona is the state's most recent addition to a roster of superstar geological wonders: Kartchner Caverns. Discovered in 1974, the "living" cave is still forming, with dripping water creating the astonishing array of mineral formations, from multi-story stalactites and stalagmites to milky stone "pools."

**San Xavier del Bac Mission** - Founded in 1692, the "white dove of the desert" is considered one of the finest mission cathedrals in the American Southwest. Its white-stucco exterior, twin colonial bell towers, rich Baroque entry and lavish interior are simply stunning. The cathedral, just south of Tucson, is situated on the Tohono O'odham's San Xavier Indian Reservation, and a marketplace of food and craft stalls near the mission create a small square.

**Montezuma's Castle** - This five-story pueblo is of the best-preserved and most impressive cliff-side dwellings in North America. From about 1250 to the 1400s, the 20-room structure served as the home of the Sinagua people, who used the mud, stone, and wood-timbered rooms and balconies for sleeping, preparing food, weaving and storing goods.

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## Safety, Reminders & Community Tips of the Month:



**City of Scottsdale Recycling** - Please check to make sure you are recycling correctly. Here is the web site to make sure you know what can be recycled.

[www.scottsdaleaz.gov/solid-waste](http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/solid-waste)



Each city in Arizona is has their own list of recyclables. If you have bulk pickup, please keep it closest to your side of the ally. Do not stack it in back of your neighbors.

Please be thoughtful of your neighbors. Thank you!

### Words of Wisdom

-Janet Stein



"I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather...not screaming and yelling like the passengers on his bus." Anonymous

### "The Gay Side of Life"

A successful young woman arrived home at the end of a wonderful day and she wanted to brag to her Mom.



When Mom answered the phone, the young lady said, "Mom, how does it feel to have such a fabulous daughter?"

Mom answered, "I don't know - why don't you call Grandma and ask her?"



### Sports Trivia:

—Tom Kernen

Why are we called the "Cardinals"?



The franchise began play in Chicago in 1898 before moving to St. Louis in 1960 and Arizona in 1988. Team owner Chris O'Brien purchased used and faded maroon jerseys from the University of Chicago in 1901 and dubbed the color of his squad's new outfits "cardinal red." A nickname was born. The team adopted the cardinal bird as part of its logo as early as 1947 and first featured a cardinal head on its helmets in 1960.



### FALL 2017 CLASS SCHEDULE for HOA classes:

Professional, volunteer instructors invite you to participate in classes regarding city programs, volunteer opportunities, personal safety tips and HOA guidelines. Classes are offered at no cost but registration is required. Classes are subject to cancellation if less than 10 (ten) individuals are registered or confirmed for each class. Classes start September 26th, 2017.

For more information go to: <http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/citizen-service/college>

### Events/Meetings/Social

- Architectural Committee: August 8, 2017; 7:00 PM Clubhouse (2nd Tuesday of the Month)
- Men's Poker : Each Wednesday, 12:00 PM Clubhouse
- Clubhouse Committee Check posting at Clubhouse -Cathy Besson/6321 Catalina
- Ladies Who Lunch Aug 18, 2017 Allison Weiss 917-406-2561(filling in for Retta)
- Creative Crafters Nancy Dallett 480-990-3681(1st Tuesday of Month) (off July-August-Sept)
- Men's Lunch Aug 29, 2017 RSVP to Bob Will 480-946-4889 or Dan Svoboda 480-946-5055





Brenda Allison shared this recipe along with tips to modify. Thanks Brenda!

**Mini Potato Skin Appetizers**

-2 bags of Ore Ida hash browns (I cut them up a bit in the bowl with cooking shears so they would work better in the mini muffin pan)

-4 cups grated cheese (I used 3 cups of Monterey Jack and 1 cup sharp cheddar just because that's what I had on hand)

-3 Tablespoons of olive oil

-16 pieces of thick cut bacon cut small, browned and drained Mix all well, add salt and pepper to taste

350 degree oven

Spray muffin tin, kind of tap in to fill and bake for 30 minutes, let stand for 10 minutes and serve.

Reading one book,  
is like eating one potato chip!  
-Diane Duane

I made them all ahead and reheated at 350 again for 15 minutes which made them crispier, liked them reheated better but they were pretty good the first time too.

Serve with sour cream and chives

This made 72 mini's so you could cut in half, or better yet, bake them all and put some in the freezer to have on hand...



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**Dust if you Must!**



Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better. To paint a picture or write a letter, bake a cake or plant a seed, ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much time, With rivers to swim and mountains to climb, music to hear, and books to read, friends to cherish and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there, with the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair, a flutter of snow, a shower of rain. This day will not come round again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind, Old age will come and it's not kind. And when you go - and go you must - You, yourself, will make more dust. ~ Rose Milligan



# Bulletin Board NEWS



## Interested in what is going on in our community?

We have several committees within Golden Keys, if you are interested in finding out more, join a committee, please give the committee chair a call to let them know you are interested. There is always room for one or two more. Many hands make lighter work!

### Recipe Corner-



Please share your favorite recipes

Please submit recipes to:  
[msfran7441@hotmail.com](mailto:msfran7441@hotmail.com)

or drop it off at

6310 E. Pinchot Avenue.

Thanks- Fran

### All Architecture and Paint Palette Requests for Golden Keys Please contact:

Jenny Scrivner - 6278 E Avalon Dr.  
602-920-0837 -C. 480-961-8549 -H  
[mamagogo321@gmail.com](mailto:mamagogo321@gmail.com)



## For Sale

Here are a few items be for sale, if interested please feel free to call

**480-949-0266 ask for Jay**

Casio keyboard with stand and pedal

Doggie door for large dog

Shiatsu back massager

Electric lawn edger, barely used

Men's 26" bicycle

Thanks- Jay Narveson



### Creative Crafters:

Nancy Dallett  
480-990-3681  
[Ndallett@cox.net](mailto:Ndallett@cox.net)

July, August, September  
There will be no meeting!  
See you in October



We are still looking to start a Bunco game once a month in the fall. We need someone to take the lead this. Please let me know if interested.

Thank you-

Sue Kernen

480-941-5297



**Men's Lunch,**  
**Tuesday August 29, 11:30**  
**Original Pancake House**  
**Scottsdale, AZ**  
for more information contact:  
**Bob Will 480-946-4889**



### Ladies Who Lunch

Allison Weiss  
[mrsbakerweiss@aol.com](mailto:mrsbakerweiss@aol.com)

August 18, Noon  
**Wrigley Mansion**  
2501 E Talawa Trail  
Phoenix, AZ 85016

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Reminder Shirley Goss will be hosting the Sept 15th lunch at Noon, in her home.



Wishing everyone a safe and happy Labor Day!



## **SUMMERTIME COMMITTEE NEWS**

Even though the Board does not meet regularly during the summer, there is still a lot of work to do. We invited the committee chairs to prepare an update for this mid-summer Key Lines edition to let everyone know what has been accomplished.

### **ARCHITECTURE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**by Martha Spruell**

Did you know that the Architecture Standards Committee (ASC) meets every month of the year if there is an item on its agenda? Golden Keys had a lot of real estate activity this spring. New owners want to make their townhomes their own by remodeling the inside and, sometimes, the exterior. Changes to the exterior – front, back, and/or side, must be approved by the ASC. The committee is in the process of developing a form for homeowners to complete and then present to the committee for approval of their planned changes. Meetings are open and are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the clubhouse.

Changes to the agenda are frequent. Check the bulletin board at the clubhouse the day of the meeting for the current agenda.

For changes to the exterior of a townhouse or paint palette information, contact Jenny Scrivner @ 602-920-0837.

### **CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE**

**by Cathy Besson**

- Clubhouse painting, tile, signs, and new hardware project is now complete.
- The water fountain is repaired and professionally painted and looks great.
- The 24 arched windows were washed on the inside and out.
- New Ceiling fans were installed on the south patio.
- Our ladies are enjoying the lovely new space in the Women's restroom now for use as a private changing area.
- New paper goods dispensers have been installed in both rest rooms.
- Thank you, LaDeta Gandy, for your hard work coordinating the Clubhouse Painting Project. Our committee could not efficiently function without the endless help of Bob Will, Donna Council and Shawn Bridges. I am grateful for the many hours spent by the committee to maintain the beauty and function of the Golden Keys Clubhouse for our residents.
- Members, please make sure that when you leave the clubhouse, that bathrooms, kitchen, and entry doors are all locked. Please help us keep the clubhouse safe.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**by Tom Kernen**

The Finance Committee has been quite busy, and the major accomplishments include:

1. Collection of 2017-18 assessments has been successful. 183 of 184 Homeowners are paid in full, and the balance of the one remaining account should be resolved soon.
2. The Association's annual filing with the Arizona Corporation Commission is complete.
3. Tax returns have been filed with IRS and the AZ Department of Revenue.
4. The financial audit of the Association is complete with no key issues identified.
5. I have successfully completed the conversion of our financial software from Quicken to QuickBooks. This allows the Association to keep financial records using software designed for business use rather than personal finances.
  - a. A new Chart of Accounts has been defined.
  - b. Homeowner and vendor records have been entered.
  - c. The QuickBooks accounts for Checking, Savings, and CD have been balanced to the bank statements.
  - d. The effective date for starting the use of QuickBooks is May 1, 2017 which coincides with the start of the fiscal year.
  - e. May, June and July financial reports have been produced using QuickBooks.
6. The Association has opened a new account with The Vanguard Group, Inc. for purchasing CD's (FDIC insured) for Reserve accounts. This will have a positive effect of the association's rate of return on these accounts.

## **POOL COMMITTEE**

**by Martha Spruell**

Summer has been busy at the pool – both in the pool and taking care of the pool. The broken conduit and fried wiring that supplied electricity to the 5' pool light was replaced in early July. Now, the pool looks lovely and inviting at night. Evening is a great time to swim.

The housing for the pumps had to be replaced on both pumps, in addition to valves, seals and an impeller. This work was done quickly and did not require the pool to be closed. New "Pool closed. No swimming allowed" signs were ordered and are ready for use should the need arise. The signs are larger than the old ones – 18" wide x 12" high.

Barry Downs has kindly and generously agreed to look after the pool while I'm on medical leave. If there are pool problems, please contact Barry.

## LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

by Shelly Lear

### **AZ Metroscapes:**

Our oleanders around the AC unit were infected with Oleander Leaf Scorch. This disease is caused by the bacterium *Xylella fastidiosa*, and there is no known cure. Bacterial transmission is from plant to plant, pruning out the oleander will not save the plant. The best management is early removal of the infected plant. On June 22<sup>nd</sup> a plant was infected, the following week 3 others had the disease. We cut down 4 plants to stop the spread.

The estimate for \$1,472.90 to replace all the irrigation heads & rotors on the inside zones of the clubhouse grounds were approved at the July 25th Executive meeting.

### **Canal Wall:**

The most southerly end of 63<sup>rd</sup> canal right of way where the gabion rocks are located is overseen by the City of Scottsdale. I have been working with the City to complete the cleanup project so we can paint the wall, this will require Metzger's to apply for a onetime use SRP license. Metroscapes has applied for an annual field license with SRP enabling us to trim the trees before we paint.

### **Backflow:**

All 8 backflow units passed the annual metering test in June. Island 5 barley passed, it will be replaced next year if it does not fail before then. The pool backflow was fixed with a new relief valve & check rubbers, they should last for 5 years. I have mapped out all our backflow units with the serial numbers and the dates of the newer units' installations.

### **Flag Pole:**

Our flag pole bent during the July 16<sup>th</sup> storm. American Flag Company will be replacing the 20ft, 4" steel pole with a 5-year warranty for \$1,395.35.